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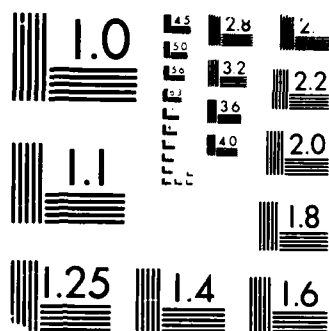
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Our major accomplishments relate to the dilogarithm function:

$$Li(x) = \int \frac{\log(x)}{1-x} dx$$

The dilogarithm was thought to have hundreds and possibly and infinity of independent identities. We show that it only has two. One is similar to the logarithm identity and the other is similar to a special case of the exponential identity.

These identities vastly simplify the process of integration of dilogs in closed form. First, we demonstrate a generalization of Liouville's theorem, showing the relationship of dilogs in the integral to that in the integrand. Second, we generalize all cases but the algebraic one for Risch's integration algorithm when dilogs can exist in both the integrand and integral.

The dilogarithm is the first truly nontrivial special function that has been analyzed to this extent. This work points the way for a generalization of the concept of "closed form." Such a generalization may increase the value of algebraic manipulation techniques to a broader class of problems.

This work was turned done largely by my graduate student Jamil Baddoura.

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